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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, NSC INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE  
WORKING GROUP

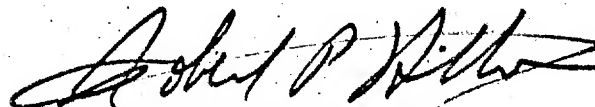
Subject: The Commission on the Organization of the  
Government for the Conduct of Foreign  
Policy (The Murphy Commission)

1. The report of the Murphy Commission made two recommendations (52 and 55a) which are pertinent to the mission of the NSC Intelligence Committee and current business before its Working Group. I have differing opinions on these proposals.

a. I concur with the intent of recommendation 52, which expands the authority of the Intelligence Committee. The present mission is to give direction and guidance on national substantive intelligence needs and provide for a continuing evaluation of intelligence products. There is a lack of authority to resolve differences when evaluation indicates that direction and guidance are necessary. This recommendation should correct that omission.

b. I do not support recommendation 55a. The proposed change to the publication, "Perspectives for Intelligence," is no longer necessary. Recently, the NSCIC Working Group reviewed the DCI's intelligence guidance documents, which includes the "Perspectives," and proposed changes to enhance their relationship with other documents of the intelligence community. That proposal is now being implemented.

2. The Working Group has already discussed the mission, purpose and tasks of the NSCIC and Working Group, so I propose that you solicit the views of the members on these two recommendations. Further, the matter should be placed on the agenda of the Working Group for the next meeting.



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